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Raised Bill No. 6825

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

***AN ACT EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM ON ELECTRIC POWER
LINE, GAS PIPELINE AND TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITY
CROSSINGS OF LONG ISLAND SOUND.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 25-157 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 Notwithstanding any other provision of the general statutes, no
4 state agency, including, but not limited to, the Department of
5 Environmental Protection and the Connecticut Siting Council, shall
6 consider or render a final decision for any applications relating to
7 electric power line crossings, gas pipeline crossings or
8 telecommunications crossings of Long Island Sound that have required
9 or will require a certificate issued pursuant to section 16-50k or
10 approval by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission including, but
11 not limited to, electrical power line, gas pipeline or
12 telecommunications applications that are pending or received after
13 June 3, 2002, for a period of [three] four years after June 3, 2002. Such
14 moratorium shall not apply to applications relating solely to the
15 maintenance, repair or replacement necessary for repair of electrical

16 power lines, gas pipelines or telecommunications facilities currently
 17 used to provide service to customers located on islands or peninsulas
 18 off the Connecticut coast or harbors, embayments, tidal rivers, streams
 19 or creeks. An applicant may seek a waiver of such moratorium by
 20 submitting a petition to the following: The chairpersons and ranking
 21 members of the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
 22 having cognizance of matters relating to energy and the environment,
 23 the chairman of the Connecticut Siting Council, the chairperson of the
 24 Public Utilities Control Authority, the Commissioner of Environmental
 25 Protection, and any other state agency head with jurisdiction over the
 26 subject of the petition. Such persons may grant a petition for a waiver
 27 by unanimous consent. Nothing in section 16-244j, this section or
 28 sections 25-157a to 25-157c, inclusive, shall be construed to affect the
 29 project in the corridor across Long Island Sound, from Norwalk to
 30 Northport, New York, to replace the existing electric cables that cross
 31 the sound.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	25-157

Statement of Purpose:

To extend the moratorium on the consideration or rendering of a final decision on any applications to the Department of Environmental Protection and the Connecticut Siting Council relating to electric power line crossings, gas pipeline crossings or telecommunications crossings of Long Island Sound from three to four years after June 3, 2003.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]